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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**FEB 21 2018**

Maureen Binienda, Superintendent  
Worcester Public Schools  
20 Irving Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

RE: Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) – Containing Building Sealants  
Doherty High School and Burncoat High School

Dear Superintendent Binienda:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received information regarding sample results of sealants (e.g., caulk) collected at Doherty High School and Burncoat High School, which indicates the presence of caulk that contains PCBs at concentrations of greater than or equal to ("≥") 50 parts per million ("ppm" or mg/Kg). The information was received via e-mail from the Educational Association of Worcester, Inc. ("EAW"). Enclosed for your reference are copies of the e-mail, the EAW transmittal letter, and the Environmental Health Inc. assessment letter.

The use of non-liquid products (e.g., caulk) with PCB concentrations at  $\geq 50$  ppm is not allowed under the federal PCB regulations at 40 CFR Part 761. The continued use of  $\geq 50$  ppm PCB-containing caulk and of associated PCB-contaminated building substrate is considered an unauthorized use under Section 6(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. §2605(e). EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/pcbs/polychlorinated-biphenyls-pcbs-building-materials#Information-Buildings> provides information and guidance on how to minimize potential exposures to PCBs until the PCB-containing building materials can be removed.

I ask that within 30 days of receipt of this letter you advise EPA as to what actions you have taken or will take to address the identified PCB-containing sealants.

This information should be provided to the following:

Kimberly N. Tisa (OSRR07-2)  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
5 Post Office Square - Suite 100  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kim in this office at (617) 918-1527.

Sincerely,



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Remediation & Restoration Branch  
Office of Site Remediation & Restoration

cc: Joseph Petty, Mayor  
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